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THE

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

SOCIETY OF ALUMNI

OF THE

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NOTE.

On the 26th of June, 1860, a number of graduates of the Department of Literature, Science and the Arts, of the University of Michigan, adopted a constitution for an association to be known as the "Association of Alumni of the University of Michigan." This formal organization was itself the outgrowth of an earlier informal one. According to the preamble of the constitution adopted on the day above mentioned, the objects of the Association were the improvement of its members, the perpetuation of pleasant associations, the promotion of the interests of the University, and through that of the interests of higher education in general. This Association led a prosperous and useful existence for about a quarter of a century, when it was deemed advisable to convert it into a legal corporation organized under State law. In June, 1874, a committee was appointed to prepare Articles of Association, and in the following month the Articles drawn up by the committee were legally executed by fourteen original corporators and were duly filed in accordance with the requirements of law. In June, 1875, the committee's report was adopted, and it was agreed that the newly incorporated "Society of Alumni" should supersede the older Association. The Articles of Association and the By-Laws of the Society appear in the following pages.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned, Claudius B. Grant, Robert E. Frazer, John Q. A. Sessions, Albert H. Pattengill, Edward D. Kinne, Walter S. Perry, Noah W. Cheever, Charles G. Clark, and John F. Lawrence, of the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, and Ashley Pond, William A. Moore, Lyman Cochrane, Levi T. Griffin and Levi L. Barbour of the City of Detroit, County of Wayne and State of Michigan, all being graduates of the Literary Department of the University of Michigan, have associated ourselves together and do hereby form a Corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature entitled, "An Act to Authorize the Formation of Corporations for Literary and Scientific Purposes," and approved March 21st, 1865, and all acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof;

Now, therefore, We do hereby adopt the following as Articles of Association:

1.

The name of the Corporation to be formed hereby shall be known in law as "The Society of Alumni of the University of Michigan."

2.

The office for the transaction of the business of the Society shall be located in the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan.

3.

The period for which this Society is incorporated is thirty years.

4.

The object for which this Society is formed is the promotion of literary and scientific pursuits and matters kindred thereto.

5.

The business of this Society shall be managed by a Board of seven Directors, to be elected annually by ballot; said annual election to be held on the Tuesday* preceding the day of the Commencement Exercises of the University of Michigan; and the first Board of Directors shall consist of the following named gentlemen, to-wit: Noah W. Cheever, William A. Moore, Claudius B. Grant, Ashley Pond, Levi L. Barbour, John Q. A. Sessions, and Edward D. Kinne.

6.

The permanent officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual election named in Article 5, and shall be members of the Board of Directors

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* Subsequently amended to Wednesday. See By-Laws, § 3.

of this Society. All other officers which the exercises and duties of the Society may require may be provided for by By-Laws. The following named gentlemen, for the purposes of this organization, shall hereby fill the respective offices as follows, to-wit:

President, William A. Moore, Detroit;
Vice-President, Noah W. Cheever, Ann Arbor;
Secretary, Edward D. Kinne, Ann Arbor;
Treasurer, Levi L. Barbour, Detroit.

7.

All graduates* of the Literary Department of the University of Michigan may become members of this Society by subscribing their names to the foregoing Articles of Association and by the payment to the Treasurer of the sum of one dollar on becoming such member.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

W. S. PERRY,
A. H. PATTENGILL,
JOHN Q. A. SESSIONS,
C. G. CLARK,
EDWARD D. KINNE,
JOHN F. LAWRENCE,
R. E. FRAZER,
NOAH W. CHEEVER,
C. B. GRANT.
ASHLEY POND,
WM. A. MOORE,
LYMAN COCHRANE,
LEVI T. GRIFFIN,
LEVI L. BARBOUR.

* See By-Laws, § 11.

BY-LAWS.

1.

OFFICERS.

In addition to the Board of seven Directors, and the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, provided for in the Articles of Association, the officers of this Society shall consist of an Orator, Alternate Orator, Poet, Alternate Poet, Necrologist and such other officers as the Society may from time to time find necessary.

2.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

All officers shall be chosen at the annual meeting, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to an election. The voting shall be by individual ballot, and for each officer separately, if any member so requests; but if no such request is made, a vote by acclamation, or for several officers together, shall be in all respects legal.

3.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held on the day preceding the Commencement Exercises of the University of

Michigan, and shall consist of two sessions; the first, for the transaction of general business, to begin at 2 P. M. in the chapel, and the second, for the hearing of the oration and poem, to begin at 4 P. M. in the large auditorium of the University.

4.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the business of the Society; shall authorize all disbursements of money belonging to the Society; shall approve the Treasurer's bond and his administration of funds belonging to the Society or held in trust by it, and shall at each annual meeting appoint from the members of the Society an Auditing Committee of three, at least two of whom shall be residents of Ann Arbor, which committee shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer and report the results of such examination to the Society. The Board of Directors shall meet for the transaction of business at the call of the Secretary.

5.

THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at the annual meeting; shall be *ex officio* chairman of the Board of Directors and shall be the official representative of the Society at the annual commencement next following the expiration of his term of office. The Vice-President shall perform the

duties of the President in case of the latter's absence or disability.

6.

THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall be the clerk of the Society at its annual meeting and *ex officio* clerk of the Board of Directors; shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors, and shall spread upon said record all reports and other documents pertaining to the business of the Society except such as are printed for general circulation; shall edit the Society's publications and preserve on file at least one copy of all such publications; shall call the attention of the University graduating class to the existence and objects of the Society; shall keep in a form convenient for reference a correct alphabetical list of the members of the Society; shall inform members and would-be members concerning delinquencies in the payment of dues or in the signing of the Articles of Association; shall see that elected officers are duly notified of their election, and shall charge himself in a general way with the duty of making needed arrangements looking toward the success of the annual meeting. At the discretion of the Board of Directors the Secretary may receive a fair allowance for clerk-hire.

7.

THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall be the financial agent of the Society; shall keep its seal and its accounts; shall have

charge of and be accountable for all money belonging to the Society or held in trust by it; shall invest or deposit such money according to his own best judgment, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors; shall disburse such money in such manner and under such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe; shall make at each annual meeting a report showing the exact condition of the finances of the Society, and shall give such bond for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time order and approve. For his services the Treasurer shall receive a fair compensation to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

8.

THE ORATOR AND POET.

It shall be the duty of the Orator to deliver an address and of the Poet to present a poem at the annual meeting next following their election. In case either of these officers expects to be absent at the next annual meeting it shall be his duty to notify the Secretary as early as possible of such contemplated absence; whereupon the duties of such absentee shall devolve upon his alternate.

9.

THE NECROLOGIST.

It shall be the duty of the Necrologist to keep a record of deaths occurring among the members of the Society, and to report such deaths at the annual meeting.

At his option the Necrologist may present brief biographical notices of deceased members, and may include in his record deaths occurring among graduates of the Literary Department of the University of Michigan, who are not members of this Society.

10.

QUORUM.

A quorum shall consist, in the Society, of twenty members; in the Board of Directors, of a majority. Such quorum shall have power to fill temporarily the place of any absent officer, and transact any business that may come before it.

11.

MEMBERSHIP.

The word "graduate," employed in Article 7 of the Articles of Association, shall be so construed as to render eligible for membership at any annual meeting such persons as have completed a course of study in the Literary Department of the University of Michigan, and are entitled to receive a diploma on the following day. In addition to qualifying for membership in the manner prescribed by the Articles of Association, members shall pay all taxes duly levied by a majority vote of the Society at its annual meeting. But no membership shall be forfeited for delinquency of any kind, unless the delinquency is of at least three years' standing and has been